

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--This patent application claims the benefit of priority from Korean Patent Application No. 10-2002-0085382 filed December 27, 2002 and Korean Application No. 10-2003-0085837 filed November 28, 2003 through PCT Application Serial No. PCT/KR2003/002654 filed December 4, 2003 the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 25, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--For the production of a cosmetic composition, at least one of a thickener such as carbomer, xanthan gum, bentonite, etc, might be added to an aquatic component by 0.001 - 5 weight% to regulate a viscosity or a solidity.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

--Fr.6 (2.2 g) was divided into 3 sub-fractions (Fr.6-1~Fr.6-3) by silica gel column chromatography (3×30 cm 230-400 mesh, moving phase: chloroform:methanol (10:1)). Among them, Fr.6-2(200 mg was used for collecting HPLC [moving phase: methanol:water (1:1), current speed: 6 ml/min., UV: 254 nm], from which 25 mg of a compound having 20 minute tR was obtained and named 'CCEA622'. Likewise, ~~Fr.4-4(1 g) was also used for collecting HPLC [moving phase: methanol:water(1:1), current speed: 6 ml/min., UV: 254 nm], from which 57 mg of a compound having 15 minute tR was obtained and named 'CCEA442'. --.~~

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 51, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

-- <Mathematical Formula 2>

Lipid Peroxidation Inhibitory Activity (%) =

$$\frac{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{sample}})}{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{blank}})} \times 100.--$$

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 54, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

-- <Mathematical Formula 3>

Hydroxyl Radical Scavenging Activity (%) =

$$\frac{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{sample}})}{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{blank}})} \times 100.--$$

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 58, line 22 with the following amended paragraph:

-- <Mathematical Formula 4>

Superoxide Radical Scavenging Activity (%) =

$$\frac{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{sample}})}{(A_{\text{control}} - A_{\text{blank}})} \times 100.--$$

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 87, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

--As explained hereinbefore, unlike other synthetic anti-oxidant agents, the extract of *Cercis chinensis* of the present invention and the compounds separated from the same, represented by <Chemical formula 1> to <Chemical Formula 20>, do not harm to human and have an excellent activity compared with other natural anti-oxidants, so that they can effectively inhibit oxidative stress in cells and prevent shortening of a telomere involved in

aging of cells, resulting in the extension of life span of a cell. Therefore, the cosmetic composition of the present invention containing the extract or the compounds above as an effective ingredient can be very useful for the development of cosmetics for anti-skin aging, supporting skin elasticity and wrinkle care.--